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A B R I E F  
TESTIMONY

To the Great

Duty of Prayer,

Shewing the

NATURE and BENEFIT

Thereof.

To which is added,

Above one Hundred Emihept and Select  
Instances that God did answer Prayer.

Collected out of the

Record of the Holy Scriptures.

By J. T. one of the People call'd Quakers.

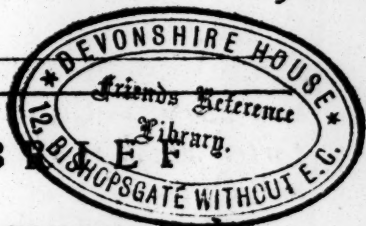
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Watch and Pray, Matt. 26. 41. Col. 4. 2. And  
all things *whatsoever* ye ask in Prayer, believ-  
ing, ye shall receive, Mat. 21. 22.

And prove me now herewith, saith t<sup>e</sup> Lord of  
Hosts, if I will not open you the Windows of  
Heaven, and pour you out a Blessing that t<sup>e</sup>re  
shall not be room enough to receive it, Mal. 3. 10.

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# Testimony, &c.

**W**atch and Pray, was the Command of our  
 (a) Lord Jesus, the (a) *Mat. 26.*  
 Holy Author of the 41.  
 Christian Religion: He gave  
 a good reason for this Com-  
 mand, *That ye enter not into*  
*Temptation.* And knowing  
 how incapable Man is to per-  
 form any good of himself,  
 promised to pray (b) (b) *Jo. 14.*  
 the Father to send the 16.  
 Comforter that he may abide  
 with us for ever, even the  
 A 2 Spirit

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*in (as our Lord said) (d) Mat.*  
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own Nothingness and Inability, to resist any appearance of Evil of our selves. God will not despise such who are poor in their own Eyes, but will direct them by his Holy Spirit how to *ask*, not only inclining their wills to Prayer, but opening their Understandings also what to *ask for*. And inasmuch that we know not at what time the Devil our (\*) 1 Pet. (\*) Adversary (who 5. 8. goes continually about seeking whom may he devour) will assault us, nor with what Temptation he will come, therefore can there be any set time, or from of words prescribed which we must use to God, when we implore his Succour and Relief; otherwise

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wise than we feel the draw-  
ings and motions of his Spirit  
in our Hearts, which will not  
be wanting to incline and as-  
sist us upon every occasion;  
yea, very often not only when  
we are tempted, but at other  
times also.

Various were the Methods  
both as to time and words as  
well as place, which the Ho-  
ly Men of Old sought the Lord.

*Daniel* and *David* (†) sometimes prayed three times a day : (†) *Dan.* 6.  
10. *Psal.* 55. 17.

*David* also (e) praised God seven times a day : (e) *Psal.* 119. 164.  
*Paul* besought the Lord (f) thrice upon one occasion; and (f) *2 Cor.* 12. 8.  
the Primitive Chri-

A 4      stians

(g) *Luke*      stians were com-  
 18. 1. 1      manded to pray (g)  
*Thes.* 5. 17.      always.

If we diligently watch, and are brought into a right frame of mind, and moved of the Lord to Pray, we need no more doubt of the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to teach us what we shall pray, when we approach before God, than when we are called before Magistrates for the sake of Christ, which was promised the *Holy Ghost*, (h) *shall teach us the same hour what to say.*

(b) *Mark*  
 13. 11.

The Primitive Christians knew not how to pray as they ought, but as the (i) Spirit helpeth their Infirmities; then surely we have

(i) *Rom.* 8.  
 26.

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have great need to be diligent in the application of our Minds to the same holy Principle ; that thereby we may be made fit to offer unto God an acceptable Sacrifice, an Offering seasoned with his Grace, from whence God may smell a sweet favour and accept it from us.

The Holy Spirit is the mystical Salt, whereof the outward Salt under the (k) Levit. Law (k) was a Fi- 2. 13. gure, where it is said, *Neither shalt thou suffer the Salt of the Covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy Meat-Offering ; with all thine Offerings thou shalt offer Salt.* This Salt was to season and purifie every Sacrifice, yea, and every Sacri-



ficer too in this Dispensation;  
for our Lord Jesus brought it  
nearer, when he said *every one*

(1) *Mark must be salted (1) with*  
9. 49. *Fire, and every Sacri-*

*fice shall be salted with Salt.*

Without which our Offerings  
will be of no more acceptance  
with the Lord, than was the  
Prayers and Oblations of the  
Jews of Old, whom God re-

(m) *Isa. 1. proved thus, saying,*  
12.

(m) *When ye come  
to appear before me, who hath  
required these things at your  
hands? But if we keep the  
Conditions upon which the  
promises are, the Lord will  
certainly keep his word; Who  
said, seek and ye shall find, ask  
and it shall be given, knock  
and it shall be opened unto  
you.*

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you. Not such Petitioners as the Apostle *James* speak of, (n) who ask'd, but re- (n) *Ja. 4.*  
ceiv'd not, because 3.  
they ask'd amiss; but seek in Faith and Humility, believing God is present, and able to do all things. Our Lord promised all things, (o) (o) *Mat.*  
whatsoever ye ask in 21. 22.  
Prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

The Parable of the unjust Judge, (p) and im- (p) *Luke*  
portunate Widow; 18. 1. to 8.  
and the Man who call'd up his (q) Neighbour at (q) *Luk.*  
midnight to supply 11. 5.  
him with Bread to feed his travelling Friend: And of Parents giving good things to their

## 12. The Great

(r) Luke their Children, (r)  
11. 11. are great induce-  
ments to us, to be found in the  
frequent practice of this ex-  
cellent Duty.

And tho' the despised Peo-  
ple of God, call'd Quakers,  
have been evilly traduced,  
and grossly misrepresented, as  
if they denied this great Or-  
dinance or Duty of Prayer ; I  
have not heard of any People  
upon Earth, who own Prayer  
more truly, and whose Spirit-  
ual Interest it is so to do.

1<sup>st</sup>. They own it truly, be-  
cause they believe and declare  
it unto others as a fundamen-  
tal Truth, that God in his  
Mercy hath given unto all  
Men, thro' Jesus Christ his  
dear

## Duty of Prayer. 13

dear Son (s) a mea- (s) 1 Cor.  
sure or manifestation 12. 7.

of his Spirit to profit withal;  
without which, as hath beerr  
already said, we cannot do any  
thing acceptable to God. This  
is the Comforter that teacheth  
all things, the word of Faith  
nigh in the Heart (t) Rom. 10.  
(t) and in the Mouth. 8.

It is also called the word  
(v) of Grace, which (v) Acts 20.  
is able to build us 32.

up, and give us an Inheritance  
among them which are sancti-  
fied through Faith which is in  
Christ Jesus our Lord. This  
*Word, Spirit, Light or Grace*  
which came by Jesus, and  
and thro' him is extended un-  
to all Men, is a remedy which  
God hath in Mercy provided  
for

for Man; and it is as universal as the disease : *For as by the*  
 † *Rom.* *Offence of one* (Adam,) † *Judg-*  
 5. 18. *ment came upon all Men to Con-*  
*demnation, even so by the Right-*  
*eousness of one* (Jesus Christ) *the free Gift came upon all Men*  
*unto justification of Life.* This is the Christians guide and teacher in all things, especially in things immediately relating to God ; and as this Spirit sanctifies the Heart, and brings forth a pure Offering out of it, God accepts thereof ; he regards Truth in the inward Parts, not outside appearances only, but the sincerity of Heart. It was his de-  
 (w) *Prov.* *mand of Old,* (w)  
 23. 26. *Son give me thine*  
*Heart.* Not a multitude of  
 words

## Duty of Prayer. 15

words without this, will prevail with God. Our Lord re-  
proved (x) the Pha- (x) *Mat.*  
risees for their long 23. 14.

Prayers, when their Hearts  
went after their Covetousness,  
yet thought *like the* (y) *Hea-*  
*then*, to be heard for (y) *Mat.*  
their much speaking, 6. 7.

or vain repetitions ; but he  
commended the poor *Publican*,  
who in the sense of his Sins  
made a full Confession, but a  
short Prayer : (z) (z) *Luk.*  
*God be merciful to me* 18. 13.

a *Sinner*; and pronounced him  
rather justified than the *Pha-*  
*risee*.

And because we dare not of-  
fer up Prayers to God, until we  
feel our Hearts moved there-  
unto by his Spirit, which mak-  
eth

(a) Rom. 8. 26. eth (a) intercession for us according to the will of God ; no more can we joyn with those who pray without the sense of this Spirit and fear of God, and can immediately turn from their vain and idle Discourses to Prayer, and from their Prayers back again to their Discourses. We have been convinced not only that such Prayer availeth nothing with God, but also that he is displeased with it, (b.) Exod. 20. 7. for he hath said, (b) *I will not hold them Guiltless that take my Name in vain.*

The Publick Prayers put up to God in the name of Jesus, in our Solemn Assemblies for the Worship of God, as many

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many Thousands can bear us witness are evident Proofs that we do not only own, but use true Prayer.

2dly. It is our Spiritual Interest to be frequent in this Practice, for we daily reap the benefit thereof. If God take care of Sparrows, (c) cloath the Grasse, and (c) *Luk. 12.* array the Lilies, and 24. to 28. feed the Ravens (d) (d) *Job 38.* when their young 41.

Ones cry unto him, will not he regard us, and hear our Prayers and Cries when we make Supplication to him in the Name of his Son, in whom he is well pleased; (e) (e) *Mar.* and for whose sake 1. 11.

he is pleased with Man, and grants us supplies suitable to  
our



our Necessities: We have good reason to love Prayer, even from the Experience we have felt thereof in our selves: And truly as the case stands with us, we should be very unhappy without this priviledge. It is well known manifold and cruel have been the Sufferings of this People, whom Men have persecuted, reviled, and spoken all manner of Evil against falsly for the sake of Christ, and the Righteousness of his Kingdom, as our Lord foretold long since (*f*) (*f*) *Mar.* would be the portion 5. 10, 11. of his followers; and they have not only patiently born what was permitted to come upon them from unreasonable Men; but Satan also by

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by himself hath used great and manifold endeavours if possible to drive them from their Faith and Obedience in Christ, to effect which, hath raised Enemies within, and we have often found it to be as our Lord said, a Man's Enemies (g) are those of his (g) Mat. own House, *Inward* 10. 36.

*Assaults, Temptations and Buffettings* : The Devil envied and raged at them, the World hated and persecuted them, what sad Condition should we be in, if we had not this privilege to fly to God, and seek his Face, like Children, when they are apprehensive of Danger, run with great boldness to their Parents, and tho' sometimes they cannot express them-

themselves to relate their fears and troubles, yet their Parents have Compassion, and receive them with open Arms, and ready to defend them to their utmost.

How much more, as our Lord said, *(b)* *Shall our Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? None is able to pull us out of his Hands, he is greater than all.*

It cannot be related what immediate Comfort and divine Aid such have received who truly sought his Face; whereby they have many infallible Proofs that there is a *(1)* *Psalm* God *(1)* who heareth *65. 2.* Prayer, and lifts up the Light of his Countenance upon his Children, whereof  
their

## Duty of Prayer. 21

their Souls are more joyful  
than those (*m*) whose (*m*) *Psal.*  
Corn and Wine in- 4. 7.

creaseth, and they have been  
thereby so strengthened and  
filled with Heavenly Joy, that  
they have esteemed all their  
Sufferings, Tribulations, Slan-  
ders and Reproaches, as *Riches*,  
being so many tokens of their  
Discipleship to Jesus, whom  
they desire to follow, that  
they may receive the Promise,  
(*n*) *Great shall be your* (*n*) *Mat. 5.*  
*reward in Heaven.* 12. \*

Therefore let none slander  
nor defame us with this false  
Charge of denying Prayer;  
for we do faithfully declare, as  
above, that we sincerely own  
and practise it, and have good  
cause to continue therein, both  
from

our own Experience, and the Examples of others: Holy Men and Women as they are recorded in Holy Scriptures, in the several Ages of the World, they prayed to God upon many Occasions and Exigents.

I shall give some instances of such who prayed, and the Lord did signally appear, and granted them their Requests. Let us pray in Faith as they they did, and our Petitions shall be heard, for God is the same as ever he was, as willing to hear, and as powerful to save as in former Ages. *My Hand is not shorten'd that*  
 (o) *Isa. 59. I cannot (o) save,*  
*1. and 10. 2. neither is my Ear*  
*heavy*

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*heavy that I cannot hear, saith the Lord.*

But before I shall mention those places of Scripture that regard the vertue and power of Prayer, I would be well understood what I mean by Prayer; true Prayer is a desire of the Soul, whether express'd by words or not, from a sense of the want of that the Soul prays for, which sense no Man can give himself: It is the Spirit of God alone, and to those this Spirit of Prayer is given, who in some measure obey the Spirit, turning at its reproof from the evil, and that which is reproveable in the sight of God; and this is the true reason why so many miss in this great Duty;

Duty ; they pray amiss, having not a sense of what they pray for.

I say, true Prayer is not only words, the best of words, for the Essence and Life of Prayer, is that divine sense which is received thro' the preparation of the Heart by the Spirit of God ; and it is this sort of Prayer I recommend in this short Discourse ; and if People would be serious and kind to themselves as to consider how little they receive of that they ask for, and how much they are daily found in a Contradiction to their own Prayers ; they would easily see how much they are out of the right way of true Prayer. Our Lord commanded *Watch*

*and*

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*and Pray* ; therefore they that would *pray* aright must *watch*, they that *watch* must *wait* : And what must they wait for ? that God would please by his Spirit, to prepare their Hearts to worship him acceptably. Therefore no Man can prescribe Forms to the Holy Ghost : For as the Holy Spirit begets sense of wants, so many times wants beget words, and such words have a Spirit and Life with them, this is praying in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ ; to wit, in his Divine Power and Authority, and therefore successful, and that in all Ages as the following instances do evidence and illustrate.

B

*Jacob*



*Jacob* wrestled with the Angel, he wept and made  
 (p) *Gen.* (p) Supplication, and  
 32. 25. by his strength he  
*Hof.* 12. 3. had power with God,  
 and prevailed like a Prince.

(q) *Ja.* 5. (q) God shut up Hea-  
 17. ven at *Elias* Prayer  
 for the space of three years  
 and an half, that there was a  
 great Famine ; he prayed a-  
 gain, and the Heavens gave  
 Rain, and the Earth brought  
 forth Fruits.

(r) *Josh.* At the Prayer (e)  
 10. 12. of *Joshua*, the Sun and  
 Moon stood still for the space  
 of a whole day. *Samuel* pray-  
 (s) *I Sa.* 7. ed, and the Lord (s)  
 9, 10. discomfited his Ene-  
 mies with a terrible Thunder.  
*Abraham* prayed, and obtained  
 Promises

## Duty of Prayer. 27

Promises of a Son (t) (t) Gen.  
to be his Heir, and of 15.

the Land of *Canaan* for an In-  
heritance, with the innumera-  
ble increase of his Seed. *Jacob*

prayed, and escaped the edge

(u) of the Sword, (u) Gen. 32.

for he was greatly and 33.

afraid of his Brother Chap.

*Esau*; but God turned the

Heart of *Esau*, that he imbra-

ced him kindly, and parted

so. *Gideon* in great weak-

ness prayed (w) to the (w) Judg.

Lord, and was made 6.

strong, and confirmed by signs,

and became a deliverer of *Israel*

out of their Bondage. *Isaiab*

the Prophet, and *Hezekiah* the

King prayed, (x) be-

cause of the Threats (x) 2 Kings

and Blasphemy of 19.

*Rabshaka* General of the King of *Assyrias* Army, and the Lord heard them, and opened the mouth of his Prophet to foretell good unto *Israel*, and sent his Angel who slew in one night 185000 Men of the *Assyrians*, and *Israel* was delivered at that time. At the

(y) *Gen.* 20. Prayer (y) of *Abraham*, God healed *Abimelech*, the King, his Queen and Family. At the intreaty

(z) *Gen.* (z) of *Isaac*, after 25. 21. twenty years Marriage, God gave him two Sons. *Rebecca*, and *Hannah*, both be-

(a) *Gen.* 25. 22. sought God, concerning Children, and  
*I Sam.* 1. their Prayers were  
 27. answered. *Moses*, *Aaron*, and *Phineas*, were lively

Types

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Types of our Lord Jesus, the one Mediator between God and Men, and were as Saviours to the People, often making intercession and attonement for them, when the Anger (b) of the Lord was kindled against them.

(b) Exod  
32. 11, 14.  
Numb. 25.  
13, and 16,  
43, 10 50.

Christian Reader, much might be said upon this Subject, and many more Examples brought out of the Holy Scriptures, of those wonderful things wrought by Prayer and Faith, particularly of the many Supplications made, to our Blessed Lord Jesus when on Earth; upon which he raised (c) the Dead, healed

(c) Mat. 9.  
25.

B 3

(d) the

(d) *Mat.* 8.  
5, to 13,  
verse.

(e) *Luk* 7.  
47.

(d) the Sick, and forgave (e) Sins : To which Examples the Apostle *James* might allude, when he ex-

horted the Primitive Christians to Prayer : *And if any be Sick, let him call for the Elders of the Church, and let them pray over him ; and the (f)*

(f) *Ja.* 5. Prayer of Faith shall  
14. *save the Sick, and the*

*Lord shall raise him up, and if he have committed Sins, they shall be forgiven him.* But I

shall say the less, intending to annex hereunto above an Hundred Instances Collected out of the Holy Scriptures, whereby in a short time one may see (for encouragement) those miraculous things wrought in  
former

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former Ages ; which otherwise we cannot find in much reading, being mixed in Scripture among other matters. I thought to conclude here, but must take notice of another great inducement we have to this Duty ; and it is the greatest Example of all that can be brought, to wit, Our Lord Jesus, he who commanded us to Watch and Pray, set us himself for a Pattern : And tho' the Father always (g) heard him, yet for (g) Joh. the sake of others, 11. 41, 42. *He cried with a loud voice.* It is said in another place, tho' he was (h) a Son, yet (h) Heb. in the days of his Flesh 5. 7. *he offered up Prayers and Supplication with strong Crying and*

*Tears* unto him that was able to save him from Death, and was *heard* in that he *feared*.

He sought (*i*) *solitary* places, praying (*k*) alone unto the Father until (*l*) *midnight*; yea, sometimes (*m*) *all night*. For what were these things done, and the Records thereof pre-

served till now, but for our Learning? We have great need of it, for we can have nothing but what we receive; and tho' God be good, and a full fountain of all Blessings, he will be sought unto for these things. Therefore let us be faithful in doing what is his will, and refusing whatsoever

is

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is contrary thereunto; and we need not doubt but God will hear us when we call upon him, as the Scripture saith, *If any Man be a Worshipper (n) of God, and doth his (n) Job. 9. will, Him he heareth. 31.*

London, 29. 11.

Month, 1654.

John Tomkins.

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*Instances*



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OF THE  
Answer of Prayer.

I. **A** *Braham*, the Father of the Faithful, being Childless, prayed unto the Lord for an Heir, complaining that *Eliezer*, the Steward of the House, was like to be his Heir. And the word of the Lord came to *Abraham*, promising, he whom he supposed should not be his Heir, but he that shall come forth out of his own Bowels shall be thine Heir,

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Heir, whose Seed he promised should be for number like the Stars in the Firmament, Gen. 15. 2, 3, 4, 5.

2. *Abraham* Prayed for *Ishmael* his Son, and God answered him, (and repeated the abovesaid Promise of giving him a Son by his Wife *Sarah*,) and said, as for *Ishmael* I have heard thee; behold I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve Princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great Nation, Gen. 17. 18, 19, 20, which was fulfilled, see Gen. Chap. 25. 13, 14, 15, 16, 18.

3. *Abraham* prayed to the Lord for King *Abimelech*, his Queen, and Family, and they bare

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bare Children, who before were Barren, *Gen.* 20. 17, 18.

4. *Abraham* prayed for *Sodom*, and the Lord was intreated so far, that if there were but Ten Righteous Persons therein, he would spare the City for those Ten sake, *Gen.* 18. 23, to 33.

5. At the Prayer of *Lot*, the Lord spared the City *Zoar* for a refuge, when he fled from the destruction which came upon *Sodom*, *Gen.* 19. 18, to 23.

6. The Eldest Servant of *Abraham* prayed to God to give him success in his Errand, and a Token whereby he might be certain which was the Person that was to be his Master's Wife, and the Lord

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Lord granted him his Request; that that very Maid coming to the Well, and should with willingness (upon his asking her for Water) say to him drink, and I will give thy Cattel also, was she whom God had appointed to be a Wife for *Isaac*, *Gen. 24. 12,* to 45.

7. *Isaac* being Childless for twenty years after Marriage with *Rebekah*, prayed to the Lord for his Wife, and the Lord was intreated of him, and *Rebekah* bare *Jacob* and *Esau*, *Gen. 25. 21, 26.*

8. *Rebekah* being with Child, enquired of the Lord, and God answered her; two Nations are in thy Womb, and two manner of People shall

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shall be separated from thee, and the one People shall be stronger than the other, and the Elder shall serve the Younger, *Gen.* 25. 22, 23.

9. *Jacob* in his return from *Padan-Aram*, News was brought him that his Brother *Esau* was come out against him with Four Hundred Men, and *Jacob* was greatly afraid and distressed, and prayed unto God for deliverance from the hand of his Brother; and God heard *Jacob*, and turned the Heart of *Esau*, so that when he came near, he ran to meet *Jacob* and embraced him and kissed him, *Gen.* 32. 6, 9, and 33, and 4.

10. *Jacob* wrestled with the Angel (and wept, and made Suppli-

Supplication to God) and like a Prince, had power with God, and prevailed and obtained what he prayed for (a Blessing) and the Lord blessed him, and changed his Name from *Jacob* unto *Israel*, Gen. 32. 28, & 35, 9, 10. & *Hosea* 12. 4.

11. The Children of *Israel* sighed by reason of their great Bondage under the *Egyptians*, and they cryed to God, and he heard their Prayers and Groanings, and remembered his Covenant with *Abraham*, *Isaac* and *Jacob*, and said, I have heard their Cry by reason of their Task-Masters, and I am come down to deliver them out of the hands of the *Egyptians*,

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10. *Jacob* wrestled with the Angel (and wept, and made Suppli-

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Supplication to God) and like a Prince, had power with God, and prevailed and obtained what he prayed for (a Blessing) and the Lord blessed him, and changed his Name from *Jacob* unto *Israel*, *Gen.* 32. 28, & 35, 9, 10. & *Hosea* 12. 4.

11. The Children of *Israel* sighed by reason of their great Bondage under the *Egyptians*, and they cryed to God, and he heard their Prayers and Groanings, and remembered his Covenant with *Abraham*, *Isaac* and *Jacob*, and said, I have heard their Cry by reason of their Task-Masters, and I am come down to deliver them out of the hands of the *Egyptians*,



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tians, *Exod.* 2. 23, 35, & 3.  
7, 8, 9. *Numb.* 20. 16.

12. At the Prayer of *Moses*, the Plague of Frogs over the Land of *Egypt* ceased, and the Frogs died, *Exod.* 8. 12, 13.

13. *Moses* prayed, and the Plague of Flies also ceased throughout *Egypt*, for the Lord did according to the word of *Moses*, and removed the Swarms of Flies from *Pharaoh* and his People, there remained not one, *Exod.* 8. 29, 30, 31.

14. Again, at the Prayer of *Moses*, the Plague of Thunder, Lightning, &c. ceased in the Land of *Egypt*, for as soon as *Moses* went out of the City, and spread abroad his Hands unto

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unto the Lord, the Thunder and Hail ceased, and Rain was not poured upon the Earth, *Exod. 9. 28, to 33.*

15 At the Prayer of *Moses*, the Plague of Locusts ceased, for the Lord turned a mighty strong West Wind which took away the Locusts and cast them into the red Sea, there remained not one Locust in all the Coasts of *Egypt*, *Exod. 10. 17, 18, 19.*

16. When *Israel* murmur'd at *Marah*, because of the bitterness of the Waters, *Moses* cryed unto the Lord, and the Lord shewed him a Tree, which, when he had cast into the Waters, the Waters were made sweet, *Exod. 15. 24, 25.*

XVII. *Israel*

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17. *Israel* murmured against *Moses* at *Massah* for want of Water; he fled to the Lord by Prayer, and cried unto him; God heard, and commanded him to go to the Rock at Mount *Horeb*, and smite it with his Rod, and Water gushed out thereat sufficient for the whole Camp, *Exod.* 17. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

18. Because of the Idolatry of *Israel*, in Worshipping a Molten Calf, when *Moses* was in the Mount, God's Wrath was kindled against them; and the Lord said to *Moses*, now therefore let me alone that my Wrath may wax hot against them, and I may consume them at once, and *Moses* besought the Lord  
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his God for his great Names Sake, to turn away from his fierce Wrath, and the Lord repented of the Evil which he had thought to do unto his People, *Exod. 32. 1, to 14.*

19. *Moses* prayed to the Lord for his Presence, and that he would please to shew him his Glory, and the Lord promised him his presence, and also condescended to *Moses* in his later request, as far as poor Mortal is capable to receive ; and God said to him, thou can'st not see my Face and live ; behold there is a place by me, thou shalt stand upon a Rock, and it shall come to pass, while my Glory passeth by, I will put thee in a clift of the Rock, and cover thee with

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with my Hand, and I will take away my Hand, and thou shalt see my back parts, *Exod.* 33. 10. to 23.

20. *Israel* murmured at *Taberah*. and God was angry with them, and kindled a Fire which burnt amongst them, and consumed them in the uttermost parts of the Camp, and *Moses* prayed to the Lord and the Fire was quenched, *Numb.* 11. 1, 2.

21. Because of the sedition and murmurings of the *Israelites*, *Moses* was sorely oppressed and spread his Case before the Lord, complaining that the governing those People was a Burden too heavy for him to bear, and God heard his Complaint, and  
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commanded him to gather seventy Elders of the People, promising he would take off the Spirit that was upon *Moses*, and put it upon them, and they (said the Lord) shall bear the Burden of the People with thee, that thou bear it not thy self alone, *Numb. 11. 10, to 17.*

22. *Aaron* and *Miriam* murmured against *Moses*, for which God was angry with them, and struck *Miriam* with a Leprosie as white as Snow; and *Moses* prayed to the Lord, saying, *heal her now, O God*, and after seven days she was received into the Camp again whole, *Numb. 12. 11, to 13.*

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23. Upon the Evil Spies report of the good Land, *Israel* was about to chuse them Captains to return back to *Egypt* again; and then *Moses*, *Aaron*, *Joshua* and *Caleb* dissuaded them from it, for it provoked God grievously; and he said to *Moses*, I will smite them with the Pestilence and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater Nation, &c. And *Moses* prayed to the Lord for *Israel*, saying, *Let the Power of my Lord be great, and pardon I beseech thee the Iniquities of this People; and God answered Moses, I have pardoned according to thy word,* Numb. 14. 1 to 20.

24. At the sedition of *Corah*, *Dathan* and *Abiram*,  
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the Congregation was gathered against *Moses* and *Aaron*; and God bid them separate themselves from the People, that he might destroy them in a moment, and they fell on their Faces and said, *O God, the God of the Spirits of all Flesh*, shall on Man Sin, and wilt thou be wroth with the whole Congregation? And the Lord heard them, and spared the Congregation; but bad them separate the People from the three chief movers of the sedition; and God caused the Earth to open and swallow them up alive, and all that appertained to them, *Numb. 16.*

1, to 32.

25. Because the *Israelites* loathed the Manna which God gave



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gave them from Heaven, they were stung with fiery Serpents that they died; and *Moses* prayed for the People, and the Lord commanded him to set up a Brazen Serpent upon a Pole, that every one that looked upon it, should live, *Numb. 21. 3, to 9.*

26. The Lord acquainted *Moses* of his Death; *Moses* besought God for a Successor, and God appointed *Joshua* the Son *Nun*, in the stead of *Moses*, *Numb. 27. 12, to 20.*

27. *Israel* fled before their Enemies, *Joshua* sought the Lord by Prayer, and the Lord instructed him what to do, and how to find out the cause thereof, *Joshua 7. Chap.*

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28. At the Prayer of *Joshua*, the Sun and Moon stood still, that there was no Day like that before or after; for the Lord hearkened to the voice of a Man, *Joshua* 10. 12, 13, 14.

29. *Israel*, under a true sense of their great declension from the Law of God, in their Distress cryed unto the Lord, and he heard their Prayers, and raised up *Othniel*, *Caleb's* Nephew, who delivered them out of the hand of their Enemies, *Judg.* 3. 9, 10.

30. *Israel* again did Evil, and the Lord suffer'd *Eglon* King of *Moab* to oppress them, and they were tributary to him Eighteen years; but they cryed to the Lord under their

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## 50 The Answer

Distress, and he heard them, and raised them up *Ehud* the Son of *Gera*, a Left-handed Man, who delivered *Israel* out of the hands of their Enemies, and the Land had rest Eighty years, *Judg.* 3. 15.

31. After *Ehud* was dead, *Israel* sinned again, and provoked the Lord, and he sold them into the hand of *Jabin* King of *Canaan*, and Twenty years he mightily oppressed them; and they cryed to the Lord in their Distress, and he heard their Prayers, and raised up *Deborah* a Judge, and *Barruck* a General, who rescued *Israel* out of the hands of their Enemies, *Judg.* 4.

32. *Israel* sinned against God the fourth time, and he suffer'd

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suffer'd the Midianites greatly to impoverish them; so that when they had sown their Corn in the ground, they came and their Cattle, and eat and destroyed their increase, insomuch they made them Dens in the Mountains and Caves in the Earth, and they cryed to the Lord because of the Midianites, and he sent his Prophet to shew them their Backslidings, and raised up *Gideon* a poor Thresher of Wheat to be a Judge over them; they overcame *Oreb*, and *Zeeb*, the chief Princes of *Midian*, and obtained quiet for the Country Forty years, *Judg.* 6. 7. & 8. 28.

33. *Gideon* having seen an Angel, was afraid, and

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prayed to the Lord, and God heard, and comforted him, *Judg.* 6. 22, 23.

34. At the Prayer of *Gideon*, his Fleece of Wool was wet with Dew, and all the ground about it, was dry, *Judg.* 6. 36, 38.

35. Again, at the Prayer of *Gideon*, his Fleece of Wool was dry, and upon the ground, about it was wet, *Judg.* 6. 39, 40.

36. *Israel*, for their great Apostacy and Worshiping the Gods of the Nations, the Anger of the Lord was hot against them, and he suffered the *Philistines* and *Ammonites* to distress them sorely, and they cried to the Lord, who at first seemed to reject them,

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them, and bid them *Go to the Gods they had served*; but *Israel* renewed their Suit, and confessed their Sins, and forsook them and served the Lord, and his Soul was moved with their Misery, and God put his Spirit upon *Jephtha*, who was both Judge and General over *Israel*, and subdued their Enemies under them, *Judg.* 10. 11, 12. *Chapt.*

37. At the Prayer of *Manoah*, the Father of *Sampson*, the Angel of God, who before had appeared to *Manoah's* Wife, appeared again unto him, and instructed him and his Wife, how they should order *Sampson* when he was born, *Judg.* 13. 8, to 14.

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38. After *Samson* had slain 1000 Men with the Jaw-bone of an Afs, he was fore a-thirst, and prayed to the Lord, and God heard him, and caused Water to issue out of a hollow place of the Jaw Bone, and *Samson* drank, and his Spirit was revived, and he called the place *En-hakkore*, which is to say the will of him that called and cryed, Judg. 15. 15, to 19.

39. *Hannah* prayed to the Lord for a Son, and he granted her the Petition which she asked of him, 1 *Sam.* 1. 9, to 27.

40. *Eli*, the high Priest prayed the Lord to give unto *Hannah* more Children, instead of *Samuel*, which she had dedicated

dedicated to the Lord, and the Lord answered his Request, and gave her three Sons and two Daughters more, 1 Sam. 2. 20, 21.

41. At the Prayer of *Samuel* the Prophet, and Judge in *Israel*, the Lord Thunder'd with a mighty Thunder upon the *Philistines* their Adversaries, and so discomfited them, that they were smitten before *Israel*, 1 Sam. 7. 9, 10, 11.

42. *Israel* having required a King to rule over them; contrary to the mind of God: It grieved *Samuel*, and he prayed to the Lord, and the Lord heard him, and directed him what to do, 1 Sam. 8. 5, 7, 8, 9.



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43. At the Prayer of *Samuel*, the Lord sent Thunder and Rain, which caused the People greatly to fear the Lord, *1 Sam. 12. 18.*

44. David having heard that *Saul* was coming to *Keilah*, to destroy it for his sake, and that the Men of *Keilah* would deliver him up into the hand of *Saul*; *David* prayed to the Lord, and besought him to tell him whether they would do as he had heard, and the Lord answered him they will; by which means *David* and his Men left the City, and escaped the hands of *Saul*, *1 Sam. 23. 10, to 13.*

45. *David* seeing 70000 Thousand fall by the Pestilence,

lence, prayed to the Lord, and the Lord directed *David* by the Prophet *Gad*, to rear an Altar, and offer Burnt-Offerings thereon, and he did so, and the Lord was intreated, and the Plague was stayed, 2 *Sam.* 24. 17, to 25.

46. There was a Famine in the days of *David* three years, and he sought the Face of the Lord concerning it, and God answered and shewed him wherefore it was, and afterwards the Lord was intreated for the Land, 2 *Sam.* 21. 1, & 14.

47. *Solomon* above all things prayed for Wisdom, and his Prayer pleased the Lord, and he granted him not only Wisdom, inasmuch that

he was the Wisest Man that ever was; but God added to his Wisdom, Riches, and Honour, so that there was no King like him, 1 *King.* 3. 7, to 12.

48. *Solomon* having finished that Famous Temple, gathered *Israel* together at the Consecration thereof, and kneeled down on a Brazen Scaffold made to that purpose, and made a large and solemn Prayer to God; when he had finished his Prayer, Fire came down from Heaven and consumed the Burnt-Offering and Sacrifices, and the Glory of the Lord filled the Temple, so that the Priests could not enter in; and God also appeared to *Solomon* by night, and

and said, I have heard thy Prayer; and gave him many Promises upon Condition that he and his People should observe his Statutes and Judgments, *1 King. 8. 2 Chro. 6. & Chap. 7. 1, 12. to the end.*

49. At the Prayer of the Man of God, the Arm of *Jeroboam* King of *Israel*, which was dried up for holding it out against the Prophet, was restored again, and became as it was before, *1 King. 13. 6.*

50. *Elijah* prayed earnestly that it might not Rain upon the Earth, and it rained not for the space of three years and six months, *1 King. 17. 1. James 5. 17, 18.*

51. *Elijah* prayed again, and the Heavens gave Rain,  
and

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and the Earth brought forth her Fruit after three years and six months Drought, 1 *King.* 18. 42. *Jam.* 5. 18.

52. At the Prayer of *Elijah*, the Son of the Widow of *Zarephath*, was raised from the Dead, 1 *King.* 17. 20, 21.

53. The *Reubenites*, *Gadites*, and half Tribe of *Manasab* went out to War against the *Agarites*, and they cryed to the Lord in Battle, and he was intreated of them, because they put their trust in him, and God gave their Enemies into their hands an exceeding prey, viz. 50000 Camels, 250000 Sheep, 20000 Asses, and of Men 100000 1 *Chron.* 5. 20, 21.

54. At

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54. At the Prayer of *Elijah*, the Fire of the Lord fell and consumed the Burnt-Sacrifice, and the Wood, &c. to convince the Idolaters that the Lord was God, i *King.* 18. 36, to 39.

55. *Elijah* being persecuted by *Jezabel*, fled into the Wilderness, and there prayed to the Lord; as he was asleep, an Angel awaked him, and bid him arise and eat, for there was a Cake ready baked on the Coals, and a Cruise of Water at his head, and he eat and drank, and lay down again; and the Angel awaked him the second time to eat, and he did eat, and in the strength of that Meat travelled forty days and nights to *Horeb*,

*Horeb* the Mount of God,  
1 *King.* 19. 4, to 8.

56. At the Prayer of *Elisha* the *Shunamite's* Child was  
raised from the Dead, 2 *King.*  
4. and 33, 34.

57. At the Prayer of *Elijah* the Lord opened the Eyes  
of *Elisha's* Servant, and he  
beheld how his Master was  
defended and surrounded with  
Horses and Chariots of Fire  
at the same time when the  
Host of the *Syrians* had encom-  
passed the City to take the  
Prophet, 2 *King.* 6. 13, to  
17.

58. At the Prayer of *Eli-  
sha* the Host of the *Syrians* was  
smote with blindness, for they  
were sent to apprehend him,  
2 *King.* 6. 18.

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59. They, the Host of the *Syrians*, being blind, the Prophet *Elisba* led them to *Samaria*, even into the hands of their Enemies, and he prayed the Lord to open their Eyes, and they saw, and behold they were in the midst of *Samaria*, but he would not suffer the King of *Israel* to hurt them, but caused him to prepare Provisions for them, and they went safe home to their Master the King of *Syria*, and came no more into the Land of *Israel*, 2 *King*. 6. 17 to 23.

60. *Uzziah* sought the Lord, and God made him to prosper, and helped him against his Enemies, and made the *Philistines*, *Arabians* and *Ammonites*, Tributaries to him; but



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but he grew proud with the Success that was given him, and invaded the Priests Office, and assumed to offer Incense in the Temple; for which he was a Leper to the day of his Death, and was deposed the Kingdom, and his Son *Jotham* reigned in his stead, 2 *Chron.* 26. and 2 *King.* 1. 5.

61. The Idolatry of *Israel* was so great, the Lord suffered the Kings of *Syria* to oppress them sorely; and *Jehoahaz* besought the Lord, and the Lord hearkened to him, and gave *Israel* a Saviour; so that they went out from under the hand of the *Syrians*, 2 *King.* 13. 2, to 5.

62. Now for a long time *Israel* had been without the

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the true God, and without a  
teaching Priest, and without  
Law. In those times there  
was no Peace to him that went  
out, nor to him that came in,  
but great Vexations were up-  
on all the Inhabitants of the  
Countries; and Nation was  
destroyed of Nation, and Ci-  
ty of City; for God did vex  
them with all Adversity, and  
they repented, and put away  
the abominable Idols out of  
Land; and sought the Lord  
with their whole Desire, and  
he was found of them, and  
gave them Rest round about,  
2 Chron. 15.

63. *Sennacherib* King of  
*Assyria*, sent a blasphemous  
threatning Letter to good *He-  
zekiah* King of *Judah*; and  
*Heze-*

## 66 The Answer

*Hezekiah* went up into the House of the Lord, and spread the Letter before the Lord, and prayed unto the God of *Israel*; and the Lord sent the Prophet *Isaiah* to comfort him, letting him know he had heard his Prayer, and would defend *Jerusalem*, and save it for his own sake, and his Servant *Dauids* sake: And it came to pass that Night the Angel of the Lord slew 185000 of the *Assyrian* Host. So *Sennacherib* departed home to *Nineveh*, and his Sons killed him as he was worshipping his Idol *Nisroch*, 2 King. 19. 2 *Chron.* 32. 20, 21.

64. *Huldah* the Prophetess foretelling the Destruction of *Jerusalem*: But, said she,  
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in the Name of the Lord, tell the man that sent you to me : *Josiah* King of *Judah*, because thy Heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thy self before the Lord when thou heardst what I speak against this Place, and the Inhabitants thereof, that they should become a Desolation and a Curse, and hast rent thy Clothes and wept before me, I also have heard thee, saith the Lord; therefore thou shalt go to thy Grave in Peace, and thy Eyes shall not see all the Evil which I will bring upon this Place, 2 *King.* 22. 15 to 20.

65. *Hezekiah* receiving the Message of Death from the Prophet *Isaiah*, turned his Face

## 68 The Answer

Face to the Wall, and prayed to the Lord, and the Lord sent the same Prophet back to tell him he had heard his Prayer, and seen his Tears, and would add to his Days Fifteen Years, and the King went abroad in Three days after, 2 *King.* 20.

66. *Jehosaphat* King of *Judah*, being in great Distress because of the Army of the *Moabites*, *Ammonites* and *Edomites*, who came to Invade the Land, he went to the Temple, and prayed to God, with all *Judah*, their Wives and little Ones, and the Lord sent his Prophet *Jehaziel* to comfort them, and let them know they should not need to fight against them; for the Lord  
caused

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caused *Moab* and *Ammon* to fight against Mount *Seir*; and when they had destroyed them, every one helped to destroy one another, 2 *Chron.* 20.

67. *Hezekiah* prayed for the People, in as much as they had eaten of the Passover, and were not cleansed according to the Law; and the Lord hearkened to *Hezekiah*, and healed the People, 2 *Chron.* 30. 18, 19, 20.

68. *Manasseh*; that idolatrous and wicked King, who filled *Jerusalem* with Blood; for his great and many Impieties God suffered the King of *Assyria* to carry him Captive to *Babylon*, bound in Fetters of Iron; and in his Affliction

## 70 The Answer

fiction he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself, and prayed unto him, and he was entreated of him, and heard his Supplication, and brought him into his Kingdom again in *Jerusalem*, 2 *Chron.* 33. 12. and he put down Idolatry, 2 *King.* 21. 16.

70. *Jeroboam*, when he had revolted with the Ten Tribes, there was War between him and *Judah*, 800000 of *Jeroboams* Army against 400000 of *Judah*; and *Israel* had caught *Judah* in an Ambuscade. When *Judah* found their Enemies both before and behind them, they cryed to the Lord; and God heard them, and turned the Success of the War upon *Judah*, and smote

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smote *Jeroboam*, and all *Israel*, before *Judah* and *Abijah* their King ; and they slew of *Israel* 500000 chosen Men, 2 *Chron.* 13.

70. *Ezra*, in his Return with some of the *Jews* from *Babylon* to *Jerusalem*, proclaimed a Fast, and besought the Lord to preserve them and their little Ones in their Journey ; for he was ashamed to ask the King for a Guard, because he had told him, *the Hand of the Lord was upon all them for good that seek him*. So the Lord was entreated, and his Hand was upon them, and delivered them from all their Enemies that lay in Wait by the Way, *Ezra* 8. 21, 22, 23, 31, 32.

71. *Nehe-*



## 72 The Answer

71. *Nehemiah* being at *Susan*, and hearing of the Affliction and Reproach of his Brethren (the *Jews*) the Remnant that were left of the Captivity at *Jerusalem*, and that the Walls of the City were broken down, and the Gates burnt, he mourned, fasted and prayed before the God of Heaven for *Israel*, and that God would turn the Heart of the King towards them ; and the Lord heard his Prayer, and enclined the Heart of *Artaxerxes* Emperor of *Assyria*, to grant him Letters of Commission to build *Jerusalem*, and repair the Walls thereof, and unto the Governors of the Provinces to assist *Nehemiah* in this good Work, *Nehem. 2.*

72. Wicked

72. Wicked *Haman* by Lies obtained of King *Ahasuerus* a Decree for the Destruction of the *Jews*; when *Mordecai* the *Jew* knew it, he rent his Clothes, and put on Sackcloth, he and *Esther* the Queen, and all the *Jews* cryed with a bitter Cry to the Lord, and God answered their Prayers, and turned the Heart of the King, that he Reversed the Decree against the *Jews*, and *Haman* was hanged upon the same Gallows he had erected for *Mordecai*; so that the *Jews* had Light and Gladness, Joy and Honour, and a good Day, and many of the People of the Land became *Jews*. *Esther* 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 Chapters.

## 74 The Answer

73. *Job* in his many grievous, bitter and sore Exercices, often prayed to the Lord, and kept his Integrity, and the Lord at last turned the Captivity of *Job*, and gave him twice as much as he had before, *Job* 7. 17 to 20. 10. and 14, and 42. 10.

74. The Anger of God being kindled against *Job's* Friends, because they had not spoken of *Job* the things which were right, *Job* prayed for them, and offered Burnt-sacrifice, and the Lord accepted *Job* for them, *Job* 42. 7, 8, 9.

75. *David*, when he fled from *Absalom* his Son, who raised a Rebellion in his Kingdom, cryed to the Lord, and God

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God heard him out of his holy Hill, and smote all his Enemies, and restored him again unto his Kingdoms, *Psal. 3. 2 Sam. 18. 8.*

76. *David*, in his Distresses, called upon the Lord, and he heard his Voice out of his Temple, and his Cry entred into his Ears: And God gave him the Necks of his Enemies, and delivered him from the striving of the People; so that his Enemies were subdued under him, *2 Sam. 23. Psal. 18.*

77. *David* hid himself in a Mountain in the Wilderness of *Ziph*, because *Saul* sought his Life every Day; and the *Ziphims* informed *Saul* thereof; and *David* prayed to God,

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and the Lord suffered not *Saul* to take him ; for while he was pursuing *David*, Messengers came and told *Saul* the Philistins invaded his Countrey. So *David* was delivered at that time, *Psal.* 54. and *1 Sam.* 23. 14, 26, 28.

78. *David* being hid in the Cave at *Engedi*; *Saul* and 3000 Chosen Men pursued him; and *David* prayed to the Lord, as may be seen in the 57th *Psalms*, and God heard him, in delivering *Saul* into the Power of *David*, who might have killed him, but would not suffer them that would; which had such Effect upon *Saul*, that he confessed his Fault, and acknowledged *David* to be more righte-

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righteous than he, and went home, 1 Sam. 24. 1, 3, 5, 22.

79. *Saul* sent Souldiers to beset the House where *David* was, to kill him; and *David* prayed to the Lord to defend and deliver him; and he escaped by the means of his Wife *Michal*, 1 Sam. 19. 12. Psal. 59.

80. *David* sought the Lord by Prayer, and God heard him, and delivered him out of all his Troubles and Fears, Psal. 34. 4. 66. 17, 19.

81. The Church prayeth to be directed where Christ feeds his Flock; he directs her, and gives her gracious Promises, Canticles 1. 6 to 11.

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82. The Lord sends forth *Jeremiah*, whom he had ordained a Prophet to the Nations; he, in the Sense of his own Weakness, prayed to God, saying, O Lord God, I cannot speak, for I am a Child. And the Lord answered him, Say not, I am a Child; for thou shalt go to all I send thee; be not afraid of their Faces, I am with thee to deliver thee, Jer. 1. 5, 6, 7, 8.

83. *Jeremiah*, because of the Hatred of the People, complaineth to the Lord, and God answereth him, Verily it shall be well with thy Remnant, verily I will cause the Enemy to entreat thee well in the time of Evil and Affliction. Jerem. 15. 10.

84. *Jere-*

84. *Jeremiah* prayed again to God, and he answered him, *If thou take forth the Precious from the Vale, thou shalt be as my mouth; and I will deliver thee out of the Hand of the Wicked, and redeem thee out of the Hand of the Terrible, Jer. 15. 18 to 21.*

85. *Jeremiah*, on behalf of *Judah* and *Jerusalem*, when in Captivity, called upon the Name of the Lord; and God heard their Voice, and hid not his Ear at the breathing of their Cry, but drew near in the Day they called upon him, and said, *Fear not, Lam. 3. 55, 56, 57.*

86. *Ezekiel* besought the Lord, that he would not make



## 80 The Answer

a full end of *Israel*; and the Lord shewed him that he would save a Remnant, and gather them from among the People and Countries where they were scattered, and gave them one Heart, and put a new Spirit within them, *Ezek.* 11. 13 to 20.

87. At the Prayer of *Daniel*, *Hananiah*, *Misbael* and *Azariah* unto the God of Heaven, the Lord revealed *Nebuchadnezzar's* Dream to *Daniel*, which neither *Nebuchadnezzar* could remember, nor all the Wise Men of *Chaldea* tell him; and God gave *Daniel* also the Interpretation of the Dream, *Dan.* 2. 17, 18.

88. *Daniel* prayed to the most High God for the Return  
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of the Captivity of the People *Israel*; as soon as he began to pray, God sent the Angel *Gabriel* before he had ended his Prayer, to comfort him, and inform him of the determined time of the Return of the Peoples Captivity also, touching the *Messiah* our Lord Jesus, his coming in the Flesh, &c. *Dan. 9.*

89. The Lord shewed unto *Amos* the Prophet the Judgment of Grasshoppers which he would bring upon *Israel*; and the Prophet prayed to the Lord to forgive them, and the Lord heard his Prayer, and repented of what he intended, and said, It shall not be, *Amos 7. 13.*

90. And the Lord also shewed to *Amos*, and called to contend by Fire; but the Prophet prayed to the Lord, and the Lord repented again, and said, This also shall not be, *Amos* 7. 4, 6.

91. God having threatned to destroy *Nineveh*, the People repented, and cryed mightily to God, and God heard their Prayers, and saw their Works, and had Compassion, and repented of the Evil that he said he would do unto them, and did it not, *Jonah* 3. 3, 10.

92. *Jonah* being Three days and Nights in the Belly of the Fish, from thence he prayed unto the Lord, and God heard him, and spake unto the

the Fish who vomited *Jonah* upon dry Land, *Jonah* 1 and 2 Chapters.

93. At the Centurions Prayer of Faith, our Lord Jesus spake the Word, and the Centurion's Servant was healed, *Matth.* 8. 5, 8, 13.

94. The Disciples of Jesus being in great Distress by reason of a Storm at Sea, prayed unto him to save them, or else they perish; and he arose and rebuked the Winds and the Sea, and there was a great Calm, *Mat.* 8. 23 to 27.

95. *Peter* walked upon the Sea, but when he saw the Wind boistrous, his Faith failed, and *Peter* began to sink, and cryed to his Lord; and Jesus immediately stretch-

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stretched forth his Hand, and caught him, *Mat.* 14. 29, 30, 31.

96. Tho' our blessed Lord Jesus seemed at first to refuse the *Syro-phenician* Woman, who besought him to heal her Daughter vexed with a Devil, yet when she would not be denyed, being content to be counted as the vilest, for she might obtain Mercy from our Lord; he beholding her Faith, healed her Daughter, *Mat.* 15. 22 to 28. *Mark* 7. 26 to 29.

97. A certain Man having an only Son, who was sore vexed with a Devil, kneeled down and prayed unto our Lord Jesus; and he rebuked the Devil, and the Child was

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was Cured that very Hour,  
*Matth. 17. 14 to 18. Mark 9.*  
*17. Luke 9. 38.*

98. Two blind Men sitting in the Way, hearing that our Lord passed by, cried to him to have Mercy on them, and the People rebuked them, but they were the more earnest in their Suit; and Jesus had Compassion on them, and touched their Eyes, and immediately they received Sight, and followed him, *Matth. 20. 30, 34.*

99. And there came a Leper to Jesus, kneeling down, and said, Lord, if thou wilt, thou can'st make me whole; and our Lord touched him, and he was cleansed from his  
Leprosie

Leprosie, *Mark* 1. 40, 41, 42.

100. *Jairus*, one of the Rulers of the Synagogue fell at the feet of Jesus, beseeching him to heal his Daughter, who lay at the point of Death, but being detained by the Woman, who was Cured of her Bloody Issue by a touch of his Garment: News was brought to the Father his Child was Dead. Our Lord hearing the word, encouraged the Maids Father and went to his House, and raised her to Life again, *Mark* 5. 22, to 41.

101. At *Bethsaida*, they brought a Blind Man to Jesus, and besought him to touch him; Jesus put his hands upon him, and he was restored to.

to his sight, and saw every  
Man clearly, *Mark 8. 22, to*  
*25.*

102. Poor Blind *Bartimene*,  
was earnest with our Lord to  
have mercy on him ; being  
charged to hold his Peace,  
Cryed the more earnestly, Je-  
sus comforted him, and bad  
him go away, and immedi-  
ately he received his sight,  
*Mark 10. 46.*

103. And the Angel said  
to *Zachariah*, Father of *John*  
the Baptist, Fear not, for thy  
Prayer is heard, and thy Wife  
*Elizabeth* shall bare thee a Son,  
*Luk. 1. 13.*

104. The Thief upon the  
Cross at the last Hour repent-  
ing, prayed unto our Lord,  
and



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and Jesus had mercy upon him, and promised him that he should be that day with himself in Paradise, *Luk. 23. 42, 43.*

105. The Church prayed to God that he would direct whether *Justus* or *Matthias*, whom they had in choice, was the Person whom God did chuse instead of *Judas*; and the Lord ordered it that the Lot fell upon *Matthias*, *Act. 1. 24, 26.*

106. The Church being under Persecution, fleeth to Prayer, that God would strengthen his Servants to spe ak his word boldly; when they had prayed, the place wherein they were assembled was shaken, as

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a Notice that the Lord heard their Prayer, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the word of God with boldness, *Act. 4. 23, to 31.*

107. At the Prayer of *Peter* and *John*, the Disciples received the Holy Ghost. *Act. 15. 17.*

108. At the Prayer of the Apostle *Peter*, *Tabitha* was raised from the Dead; *Act. 9. 40.*

109. *Cornelius* the Centurian prayed to the Lord always, and an Angel appeared and told him his Prayers and Alms were come up for a Memorial before God, and the Lord ordered it by his Divine Provi-

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Providence, that *Cornelius* was farther inform'd concerning the Kingdom of God by the Apostle *Peter*, *Act. 10. 1, 2, 3, 4. 30, to 43.*

110. *Peter* being in Prayer, saw a Vision, wherein he was taught not to despise the Gentiles, as a Preparation for the Gospels being Preached to *Cornelius* the Centurion, and other Gentiles, *Act. 10. 9, to 16.*

111. Prayer being made without ceasing by the Church, for *Peter*, whom *Herod* kept close in Prison, and intended also farther mischief against him, God sent his Angel who delivered *Peter* out of Prison, *Act. 12. 5, to 11.*

112. *Paul,*

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112. *Paul*, and *Sylas*, being in Prison, and in the Stocks, Prayed and Sang Psalms, and suddenly there was a great Earthquake, and immediately all the Doors were opened, and every ones Bonds were loosed, upon which the Jaylor and all his House believed in God, *Act. 16. 25, to 34.*

113. *Saul* being struck down by a Light from Heaven, was three days and three nights without Sight, and Fasted and Prayed unto God, and the Lord heard him, and commanded *Ananias* to go to him, and lay his Hands on *Saul*, who was afterwards called *Paul*; and *Ananias* did so,

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so, and *Saul* received his sight, and soon after Preached the Gospel, *Act.* 9. 8, 11, 17, 20.

114. *Paul* prayed, and laid his Hands on the Father of *Pulius*, the Governour of *Malta*, and he was healed of a Fever, and Bloody Flux, *Act.* 28. 8.

115. *Paul* was Buffeted by a Messenger of *Satan*, and in his Temptations he besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from him, and the Lord heard him, and gave him this Answer, *My Grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness*, 2 *Corinth.* 12. 7, 9.

*And*

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*And the very God of Peace  
sanctifie you wholly ; and I  
pray God your whole Spirit and  
Soul and Body be preserved  
blameless unto the coming of our  
Lord Jesus. Faithful is he  
that hath called you, who also  
will do it, 1 Thes. 5. 23, 24.*

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For all to Mind and Receive  
Gods Holy Spirit in their Hearts,  
That thereby they may be  
taught True Prayer; And  
be thoroughly Qualified for  
the Right Performance of all  
other Religious Duties.

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*Ephes. 5. v. 18, 20.*

*Be not Drunk with Wine, wherein is  
Excess, but be filled with the Spirit;  
giving Thanks always for all Things  
unto God, even the Father, in the  
Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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P O S T S C R I P T.

**B**Y the foregoing Testimony and Instances, it plainly appears,

That Prayer is of great Use and Benefit, and hath been greatly Answered, and wonderfully Encouraged by the Lord.

And it is natural ( to all those that God by his Word hath begotten unto a lively Hope in Christ his Son, and hath sent forth his Spirit into their Hearts ) for them to cry, Abba (a) Father. (a) Gal. 4. 6.

Its their Duty to make their Supplications unto him

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that hath begotten them; because it's by the Spirit of his Son in their Hearts, that they see their Wants, and the Sufficiency and Willingness there is in him to supply them; who is a God that heareth Prayer.

It's Gods Spirit that makes sensible of Wants, begets Desires, and raises Cries in the Soul to him; and is therefore principally to be minded and waited in.

Whosoever flights Gods Spirit, neglects to wait in it, and disregards the Work and Motion of it in their own Hearts, can never rightly and sensibly know their Wants, nor what to ask, or pray for, or perform that Duty of Prayer as they ought.

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It's my tender Council and Advice, in great Love, and much good Will to all that believe this is the Gospel-day long since (b) prophesied of; And that <sup>(b) Joel 2. 28.</sup> own the time is come, wherein the Father hath (according to Christ's Prayer, whom he always hears,) sent the Comforter, even the Spirit of Truth, which is the Holy <sup>(c) John 14. 26.</sup> Ghost, and that Credit, what the Apostle saith, who declares a Manifestation of the Spirit is given to <sup>(d) 1 Cor. 12. 7.</sup> every one to profit withal.

To such I say,

1. Prize, O prize the great Love of God and Christ herein!

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2. Be humbly thankful unto God for this unspeakable Gift.

3. Answer the End for which he hath given this blessed Spirit ; receive it, wait in it, hearken to it, turn at its Reproofs, and give up to be led by it, that ye may be the Sons of God.

4. And then you thereby will not only like the  
(e) *Math.* Publican (e) see your  
18. 13. Conditions, be moved to Pray in a Sense of your Wants, but be enabled to serve God acceptably, through Jesus Christ, and taught thereby to worship, and live to him, and know his Things, and understand the Mysteries of his heavenly Kingdom.

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Therefore I earnestly be-  
 beseech all, shun nor,  
 grieve, nor (f) quench (f) 1 *Thess.*  
 the Motions of it, neg- 5. 19.  
 lect not this Gift, nor your dili-  
 gent waiting upon God in it  
 at all Times, and in all Pla-  
 ces, in all Services, and Re-  
 ligious Duties wait in it, to  
 be fitted by it ; and neither  
 pray, nor sing without it ;  
 for the true Pray-  
 ing (g) is with it, (g) 1 *Cor.*  
 and true Singing in 14. 15.  
 it.

And there is no Access un-  
 to God, nor Admittance to  
 the Throne of his Grace ( to  
 receive Help in the time of  
 Need, but through  
 (h) Jesus Christ, and (h) *Ephes.*  
 by this Spirit. 2. 18.  
*Rom.* 5. 2.

And altho' the World that lies in Wickedness, hates and grieves this Spirit, mocks and derides at it; and those that direct to it, and are guided by it, yet this Spirit convinceth (i) them of their Sin and Unbelief, of their Righteousness and Judgment, which is not given them, nor wrought in them by this Spirit, and therefore it reproveth them thereof.

Oh therefore, tender Reader! love, receive, wait in, joyn to obey and follow this Holy Spirit, and then it will open your Understandings, quicken your Souls to God; make you alive, and beget you anew to him; wash and fan-

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sanctifie your Hearts, purge  
your Consciences from dead  
Works, and bring you  
to serve the living <sup>(k)</sup> *Heb.*  
God, who is a Spirit *9. 14.*  
in the Spirit and Truth ; and  
enable you to walk in  
newness <sup>(l)</sup> of the <sup>(l)</sup> *Rom. 7.*  
Spirit, and out of the *6.*  
oldness of the Letter, and beget,  
encrease and continue Love in  
your Hearts and Souls to God  
and Christ, to his Church and  
People, to his Law and Testi-  
mony, and to the Holy Scri-  
ptures, which the Holy Men  
of God wrought as they were  
moved by this Holy Ghost or  
Spirit ; which Spirit I am  
commending and recommend-  
ing unto you, to be your Con-  
ductor and Leader, your  
Guide



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Guide and Instructor in your  
 Pilgrimage through this low  
 World, and Vale of Tears,  
 that so you may pass the time  
 of your sojourning  
 (m) 1 *Pet.* (m) here with Fear ;  
 1. 17. and give your selves  
 to Reading the Holy Scrip-  
 tures, and to Waiting upon  
 God in this Spirit, and Pray-  
 ing to him in it, and Asking  
 of him Wisdom, and Medi-  
 tating in his holy Law  
 (n) *Psal.* that converts (n) the  
 19. 7. Soul, and regarding  
 his Testimony, that makes  
 wise the Simple ; and do not  
 content your selves only to hear  
 of God and Christ, and those  
 Memorable Things, and No-  
 ble Acts of the Righteous, re-  
 corded in Holy Writ, and that  
 plen-

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plenteous Redemption, eternal Life and Salvation they were Witheſſes and Partakers of, nor with ſaying over Words compiled, and put together by the Wiſdom of Men, called Prayers; but through Receiving and Obeying this Holy Spirit, and believing in God and Chriſt, from whom it proceedeth, may know and partake of that Life and Underſtanding it gives, be born of it, baptized (o) by it, waſhed, (o) 1 Cor. 12. 13. ſanctified and juſtified in the Name of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and by the Spirit (p) of our (p) 1 Cor. 6. 11. God; and alſo taught and aſſiſted thereby to pray to him, which is the ſincere Deſire,

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Desire, and hearty Supplication of your well-wishing Friend,

Who once more earnestly entreats you not to quench this Spirit, neither disregard the inward and secret Convictions, Reproofs, and Counsel of it, in your Hearts.

For it is that Spirit that  
(r) 1 cor. searcheth ( r ) all  
2. 10. Things; yea, the  
deep Things of God; and God  
by this is certainly reprov-  
ing and counselling the Children  
of Men in this Age and Gene-  
ration, as in days past; and  
shews and Reproves them  
for their evil Thoughts, wick-  
ed Words, ungodly Deeds,  
and execrable Oaths; and by  
this Spirit is certainly coun-  
selling

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selling People to think on him, to consider their Ways, to amend their Doings, to speak in his Fear.

And to Refrain from Oaths, and Cursing, and all ungodly Speaking, and to Cease to do Evil, and Learn to do well, that he might wash away their Sins, and pardon their Offences, for Christs sake.

Therefore have a care, Oh ! have a care, I beseech you, for your never-dying Souls sake, for your present Peace, and future Happiness-sake, that you do not, like them of old, set at nought all (s) Gods Counsel, nor slight his (s) Prov. 1. 24, to the end. Reproofs ; for then know assuredly God will laugh at your Calamity, and mock when

when your Fear cometh, like Desolation, and your Destruction like a Whirlwind, when Affliction and Anguish shall come upon you. Then, O then if you call upon him, he will not answer: if you seek him early, you shall not find him, because you hated Knowledge, and did not chuse the Fear of the Lord, therefore you shall eat of the Fruit of your own ways, and be filled with your own Devices.

But whosoever obeyeth Gods Holy Spirit, and is guided by it, (t) *Prov.* shall be quiet (t) from 1. 33. Fear of Evil, become his Son, and have a Place in his eternal Kingdom for evermore. Therefore love and obey it, saith

*Thy Real and Well-wishing Friend,*

JOHN FEILD.

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